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In re Application of: Gardner et al.

Serial No. 09/207,972

Filed: December 9, 1998

For: ULTRATHIN HIGH-K GATE

DIELECTRIC WITH FAVORABLE INTERFACE PROPERTIES FOR IMPROVED SEMICONDUCTOR

DEVICE PERFORMANCE

Group Art Unit: 2815 Examiner: M. Warren

Atty. Dkt. No. 5500-36100

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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2000

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Dear Sir/Madam:

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Responsive to the Office Action of September 8, 2000, please amend the case as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter recited therein. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application at a later date capturing the subject matter recited in claims 1-15 canceled herein.

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